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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Motor Carrier Class C (Charter) Applications – Daufuskie Island,

Application of Daufuskie Transit LLC for a Class C (Charter) Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity for Operation of a Motor Vehicle Carrier

Docket No: 2021-214-T

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") expeditiously review the applications for Class C (Charter) motor carrier of the three individuals/companies that are copied on this correspondence.

After investigating a consumer complaint, ORS became aware that these entities were operating without Commission approval. Because of the nature of Daufuskie Island and its limited access to passenger carriers that would transport arriving tourists and others, to and from the ferry, it is important that these entities upon submission of their complete and correct application and proof of insurance, that they be certificated to operate. It is our understanding that without these carriers operating, there is no ground transportation for hire on the island.

Unfortunately, these passenger carriers were unaware of the legal requirements to operate. ORS has taken steps that upon Commission approval of the applications, ORS will work with the carriers to complete compliance requirements expeditiously.

If possible, ORS requests that the applications be considered at the next available Commission agenda meeting, currently set for June 30, 2021.

As of the date of the filing of this letter, Daufuskie Transit has submitted an Application in Docket No. 2021-214-T. ORS understands that applications will be submitted shortly by the other two entities. ORS has advised them to submit their applications to the Commission no later than close of business Friday, June 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

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